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WONDERFUL AIR BATTLE

Major's Exploit on Western
Front Becomes Talk of
the Army

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With the British Army in France,
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The blow inflicted upon the enemy by
the British victory of Monday south of
Valenciennes, at Landreocles and Le
Quenoy was so heavy and vital that
German battalions, which had escaped
capture and were in reserve lines, had
been forced to retreat from the forest
of Mormal and on a wide front east
of it.

Major's troops are following them
closely, and behind them once again
that vast machine, which is the com-
ponent of the modern army, with its
engineering services, its material needed
for roads, rails and bridges, its food for
men and guns, is on the move, so that
the fighting men shall not be out of
touch with their supplies.

British flying men are out and the
British guns are pounding the roads
and the British troops are marching
on. The aviators who are hurrying the
enemy's retreat have beaten all their
records lately in air combats and their
most famous day when they destroyed
something like seventy hostile air-
planes, has already been surpassed.

But one exploit is now the talk of
the army and it seems to be as won-
derful as anything that has been done
by these knights-errant of the air. It
happened over the forest of Mormal, 15
British hands since yesterday, and there,
over those dense woods, with a queer
kind of rattle tower in the center of
them, flew a major of one of the British
flying squadrons, searching for the
whereabouts of the British troops and
for any German fighting plane which
he might challenge to a duel.

Fights Fifteen Fokkers

He saw a two-seater flying at 1000
feet to escape the "arrows" and six
other trouble, and the major climbed up
to it in a wide spiral and then from
below fired at it. The German pilot
and observer fell, their machine break-
ing in the air, and one was dropping
in a parachute. Immediately a Fokker
biplane came into view, and the major
heard the whistling of bullets through
his plane, and then got a lightning
stroke on his left thigh, he had been
hit, and for the moment was stunned.

His airplane began to spin out of con-
trol, but the major became conscious
of his danger and, instantly touching
his levers, again got his grip on the en-
gine. Then he saw that he was sur-
rounded by fifteen Fokkers, crowding
about him for the death shot.

His defense was by attack, and by a
marvelous maneuver he got his shots at
them, and three enemies fell, but his
machine guns were scattering about him
and bullets singing past his wires.
Another hammer blow struck him, this
time shattering his left thigh bone. He
fainted clean away, and his machine
dived helplessly, but once again the

PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS WIN
HONORS AT BATTLE OF SEDAN

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This, of course, being done a week or ten
days ago.

Many of the civilians were in a sorry
 plight because the ordinary supply of
 food from American relief sources had
 been cut off by the war's turn. The
 American army is rushing up food for
 them and taking them away from towns
 likely to be shelled by the Germans.

German resistance is weakening east
 of the Meuse, where out-advance com-
 munits with increasing pressure. The
 German positions are impeded by our
 advance east of the river, which we
 have crossed in a dozen places. Not
 only this, but our reports say that the
 Germans are pulling back before the
 Second American Army south of Metz.

Deserters say that the Germans have
 begun to dismantle the mines and iron
 mills in the Briey basin, which have
 furnished four-fifths of their war steel,
 since they stole the mines in 1914.

Daughters Delighted
The news of these great events has
 spread through the American ranks.
 During ten hours of the roads yesterday
 I passed hundreds of trucks filled with
 daughters bumping along in the rain
 and yelling and cheering that they had
 whipped the boche.

If anything remains to be done Gen-
 eral Pershing has many divisions which
 will never feel satisfied until they get
 at least one blow at the Hun.

Expecting further advances the Ger-
 mans are concentrating their artillery
 fire on the heights north of Sedan.
 Further east they are preparing strong
 positions on the heights north of the
 Meuse River, where thousands of men
 are at work building stone machine gun
 nests. Between Luxembourg and Martincourt

PERSHING REPORTS U. S.
TROOPS ARE IN SEDAN

Washington, Nov. 8.—American
troops entered the historic French city
of Sedan at 4 o'clock Wednesday aft-
ernoon, General Pershing reported in
his communique yesterday morning.
All that portion of the city west of the
River Meuse was occupied.

In his communique last night Gen-
eral Pershing reported that the First
Army continued its offensive east of
the Meuse, the Fifth Division and
National Guard troops from Wiscon-
sin and Michigan taking the heights
overlooking Brandeville and
other ground after hard fighting
against a desperately resisting enemy.

The famous Rainbow Division and
the First (regular) Division seized the
heights south and southeast of the
dan and the suburbs of that city west
of the Meuse, the statement said. It
added that the entire region between
the Meuse and the Bar River has now
been liberated by the First Army in
close cooperation with the French
Fourth Army.

The guns of all calibers captured by
the American First Army since Sep-
tember 1 now exceed 250, while a

partial count of captured munitions
and material shows more than 2000
machine guns, more than 5000 rifles,
seventy-five trench mortars and many
anti-tank guns.

General Pershing also said that a
regiment of American infantry particu-
larly distinguished itself in the final vic-
tory in 1918. He had reference to the
23rd Regiment, Ohio National Army
troops. The statement follows:

"The First American Army continued
its offensive starting with a precarious
footing on the east bank of the Meuse,
in a region of unusual natural difficul-
ties, and defended by an enemy rendered
desperate by the knowledge that the
heights north of Verdun were vital to
his plan. The Fifth Division, and Na-
tional Guard troops from Wisconsin and
Michigan employed in this operation,
had slowly but steadily fought their
way throughout these days of contin-
uous battle. In this region we now hold
Lion-Dévant-Dun, the heights overlooking
Brandeville, three kilometers east of
Harumont, Sillon-Fontaine Farm, and
thence southeast to the old line.

"The Rainbow Division and units of
the First Division seized the heights
south and southeast of Sedan and the
suburbs of that city lying on the west
bank of the Meuse. The entire region
between the Meuse and the Bar has
now been liberated by the First Ameri-
can Army in close cooperation with
the French Fourth Army.

"The Western troops of our
Second Army have executed a number
of highly successful raids, entering the

enemy's lines and returning with fifty
prisoners.

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taken by the First American Army since
November 1 now exceeds 250. A par-
tial count of captured munitions and ma-
terial showed more than 2000 machine
guns, over 5000 rifles, seventy-five trench
mortars, more than anti-tank guns, sev-
eral hundred thousand rounds of arti-
llery ammunition, nearly three million
rounds of small arms ammunition and
much other material.

"A regiment of American infantry
particularly distinguished itself in the
final victory in Italy.

Paris, Nov. 8.—Occupation of part of
Sedan by American troops aroused keen
satisfaction in Paris because of the
historic importance of the city and
its association with the war of 1870.
More than that, the advance of the
Americans is believed to have brought
about a strategic situation in which the
Americans will be able greatly to harass
the German retreat.

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